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PROSPECTS DESPITE SETBACKS IN SECTORAL PROGRAM

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1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON NEW CHIEF OF FONMIN'S
REGIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, GASTON ILLANES, COMMERCIAL
ATTACHE AND EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR ANDEAN PACT AGREEMENT ON SECTORAL PROGRAM.
IN CONTRAST TO PESSIMISM VOICED BY VENEZUELAN AND COLOMBIAN
SPOKESMEN IN REFTELS, ILLANES, WHO COMES TO PRESENT POST FROM
CHILE EMBASSY PERU, EXHIBITED ONLY MILD CONCERN THAT ANDEAN
PACT HAD MADE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS IN PROGRAMMING PRODUCTION
IN AUTOMOTIVE AND PETROCHEMICAL SECTORS.

2. ILLANES' VIEW IS THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TOO STRONGLY
COMMITTED TO ANDEAN PACT TO ALLOW DISPARATE INTERESTS REGARDING
SECTORAL ALLOCATIONS TO CAUSE BREAK UP OF REGIONAL ORGAN-
IZATION. HE INSISTED THAT PACT COUNTRIES WOULD FIND MEANS
TO OVERCOME PRESENT IMPASSE ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO SUGGESTION
WHAT FORM THIS MIGHT TAKE.

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3. REGARDING DECISION #46, ILLANES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT OTHER MEMBERS MAY DECIDE TO PROCEED WITHOUT PERU SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO AND WANT ANDEAN MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES. CHILE AND SOME OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING BOP DIFFICULTIES ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STIMULATING INVESTMENT FLOWS WITHIN AND FROM OUTSIDE PACT.

4. ILLANES SAID THAT JUNTA IS STUDYING WAYS IN WHICH VENEZUELA'S EXTERNAL FINANCIAL STRENGTH MIGHT BE USED TO UNDERGIRD BOP SITUATIONS OF ANDEAN COUNTRIES WITH SEVERE EXTERNAL FINANCING PROBLEMS. SUCH SUPPORT, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE TO TAKE FORM DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT FROM TYPE OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH ILLANES REGARDED AS IMPINGING SERIOUSLY ON THOSE COUNTRIES' SOVEREIGNTY.
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